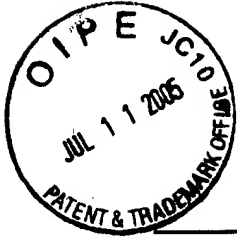


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 9, 2005**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, thus extending the due date for this Response from May 9, 2005 to July 11, 2005 (July 9 being a Saturday). The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$225. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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